

## CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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RE:

MUR 6521

Republican Party of Minnesota

**Anthony Sutton** 

Dear Ms. Sloan:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on January 12, 2012, concerning certain transactions that the Republican Party of Minnesota did not disclose. The Commission found that there was reason to believe that the Republican Party of Minnesota and Bron Scherer in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. On January 12, 2015, a conciliation agreement signed by the Republican Party of Minnesota was accepted by the Commission. The Commission also dismissed the allegations as to Anthony Sutton in his individual capacity. Accordingly, the Commission closed the file in this matter on January 12, 2015.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003) and Statement of Policy Regarding Placing First General

Counsel's Reports on the Public Record, 74 Fed. Reg. 66,132 (Dec. 14, 2009). A copy of the agreement with the Republican Party of Minnesota is enclosed for your information.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Columbo

Attorney

Enclosure:
Conciliation Agreement